

Friday 25th September 2026*Happy, Healthy, Aiming High*

Headteacher's Message

Dear Families,

Over the past three years, Angel Road has been involved in a pilot school scheme for schools to work with the Norfolk Wildlife Trust to improve biodiversity and the school environment for nature. We are one of two schools in Norfolk to have completed this project. We all took part in a celebration assembly this week to celebrate this success with Abi from the Norfolk Wildlife Trust and we were presented with a 'Wilder School' certificate and plaque. We have made many changes to the school site, our main achievements being our school pond and allotment. Special thanks to Miss Buck for all her hard work leading this project.

We are extremely excited to be collaborating with Norwich City Community Sports Foundation who will be helping us hold a very special event in all Evolution Academy Trust schools this term. Our school event Angel Road School Runs! will be taking place on Thursday 8th October. All children will be invited to take part in this activity. We hope you will join us in supporting your child to take part in the event which will encourage all our children and staff to join together, enjoy the challenge of moving together and raise money for our school and the Norwich City Community Sports Foundation.

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday.

E J Savage
Headteacher

Celebration Assembly and The Golden Book

Every week we celebrate the children's achievements during Celebration Assembly, whether these achievements are in or out of school. If your child has a special achievement they would like to share with school, please email office@angelroadschools.org.uk and we will try and share as many of these as possible. Golden Certificates are given to children who go above and beyond, whether this is demonstrating resilience with a challenging piece of work, or showing kind and thoughtful behaviour towards their peers.

Golden Certificates were awarded to the following children this week:

Adrien	Midile	Lacey-Mai
Gabriel B	Meredith	Amber
Nicole	Orion	Charlotte
Ameara	Sophie T	Rebecca
Stanley		George M



Upcoming Events

Wednesday 7th October

Year 2 Trip to Sheringham Park

Please consent for your child to attend on the Arbor
Parent Portal

Thursday 8th October

EAT Runs at Angel Road

Details sent to families via email

Tuesday 20th October

Parent Teacher Meetings

3.30pm – 6.30pm

(Booking available on Arbor from 29th September)

Thursday 22nd October

Parent Teacher Meetings

3.30pm – 6.30pm

(Booking available on Arbor from 29th September)

Thursday 22nd October

Last Day of Half Term

Friday 23rd October

Staff INSET Day

School closed for children

Half Term

Friday 23rd October – Friday 30th October

Monday 2nd November

First Day of Autumn Term 2

Wednesday 4th November

Flu vaccination Team in school

(Details sent to families from the NHS)

Friday 6th November

Individual and sibling

School Photographs with Vancols

(Sibling photographs will be taken from 8am in the
school hall. Please queue outside the school office).

Attendance News

Every Day Counts



Leave of Absence

At Angel Road we support the Government's stance on trying to reduce the amount of school missed and we hope that you will continue to support us by not planning a leave of absence during term time. If you do plan to take your child out of school during term time, it is important that you apply for leave of absence by completing a form at least 1 month in advance.

Forms can be collected from the school office. Children who are absent from school during term time who do not meet the 'exceptional circumstances' threshold for leave of absence will have days absent from school marked as unauthorised. These absences can be referred to Norfolk County Council under the Fixed Penalty Notice scheme.

Whole School Attendance this week

Infant School: 93.2%

Junior School: 95.1%

R	Mouse	87.3%	Rabbit	97.4%
Y1	Hedgehog	90.7%	Squirrel	94%
Y2	Fox	95.8%	Owl	94.7%
Y3	Dragonfly	94.4%	Swallowtail	97.2%
Y4	Deer	98.3%	Hare	97.3%
Y5	Otter	93.3%	Seal Class	93.8%
Y6	Kestrel	96.6%	Kingfisher	93.7%

Please [click here](#) for more information about Working Together to Improve School Attendance

'Should I keep my child off school?'

A handy checklist for all those common illnesses.

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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about DISCORD

AGE RESTRICTION
13+
(with a 17+ app rating on app stores)

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

A CHANNEL FOR EVERYTHING

While Discord is strongly associated with video games, it also hosts communities for almost anything you can imagine, such as books, music, influencers, cooking and sport. Some large servers focus on popular games like Minecraft or Fortnite, but many are private, invite-only spaces where friends or communities with shared interests can chat across phones, computers, and gaming consoles.

REAL-LIFE DISTRACTION

Like many social platforms, Discord can become a real time-sink. Although it does not rely on endless scrolling in the same way as some apps, constant messages, group chats, and voice channels can keep young people engaged for long periods, especially in larger servers. As Discord is closely linked to gaming, it may also increase the time they spend playing games.

STRANGER DANGER

Users can choose to stay within private servers with only people they know, but joining public servers will most likely bring them into contact with strangers. Many users are just friendly enthusiasts, yet others could have harmful intentions, including grooming, extortion, or radicalisation. In these types of environments, anyone can claim to be another teenager, which can make it harder for young people to judge who is safe to talk to.

A HARASSMENT RISK

There is also a risk from people a young person already knows in the real world. Bullying in the real world can continue online, and Discord servers can make this feel more intimidating, especially if someone uses anonymous or multiple accounts to carry out threatening behaviours. Because Discord works across computers, phones, and gaming consoles, unwanted contact can follow young people into online spaces that should feel safe and private.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

This huge amount of choice can help young people "find their tribe", especially when they have niche interests. However, because users can create servers around almost any topic, younger users may still encounter unsuitable or distressing content. Even in spaces linked to child-friendly games, Discord cannot directly control every conversation, image, or video shared by other users.

A MONEY DRAIN

Discord is free to use, but users can still spend real-world money on it. This may include Discord 'Nitro', a monthly subscription that unlocks customisation features and larger media uploads, or purchases through the 'Shop' for profile cosmetics and game-related items. Small purchases can add up quickly, especially if spending controls are not in place.

Advice for Parents & Educators

USE FAMILY CENTRE

Parents and carers should make use of Discord's 'Family Centre', which gives an overview of a younger user's activity while respecting their privacy. Messages are not shared, but adults can view an activity feed and receive weekly email summaries. Discord says this is designed to support conversations about online behaviour, rather than be about constant monitoring.

CHECK, TALK, REPORT

Review Discord's privacy settings together, including who can send them friend requests or private messages. Use this as a chance to talk to them about strangers, privacy, and personal information, making sure young people know to question suspicious behaviour, such as requests to keep conversations secret. Show them how to block and report these kinds of users and reassure them that asking for help will not get them into trouble.

MANAGE TIME ONLINE

Agree clear expectations around when and how Discord can be used, especially during homework, bedtime, and family time. Encourage young people to turn off unnecessary notifications and leave servers that feel overwhelming. If Discord is mainly used alongside gaming, discuss healthy limits for both activities so that schoolwork, sleep, and offline friendships are not affected.

REVIEW SPENDING CONTROLS

Talk openly about paid features such as Discord Nitro, profile cosmetics, and in-game purchases. Make sure the young people in your care understand that digital items still cost real money. Check payment settings on the device they use, avoid storing card details where possible, and consider adding approval requirements for purchases, particularly for younger or more impulsive users.

Meet Our Expert

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Making Sense of **SEND**

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Saturday 3 October 2026,
11.30am-1.30pm at
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